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A.—(*a*) Thirty.

(*b*) One.

(*c*) Ten.

(*d*) None.

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed Sahib :—" Out of 30 appointments, may I know why only one appointment is held by a Muhammadan? Why no Muhammadan was appointed to any of the 10 new appointments? May I ask whether it is due to want of applicants or want of competent Muslim hands ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" There were two Muhammadan Assistant Registrars ; one was promoted as Deputy Registrar. As regards new appointments, none of the applicants was found to be satisfactory by the Registrar and therefore none was appointed this year."

Recovery of arrears due to Co-operative Societies.

* 160 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state the proposals under the consideration of the Government for recovering arrears due to co-operative societies under the provisions of the Revenue Recovery Act ?

A.—The advisability of removing the present limit of forty applications per taluk for realization of co-operative arrears under the Revenue Recovery Act was discussed at the last Collectors' Conference. The final opinion of the Conference was that the methods adopted in other Provinces should be ascertained, that the question of empowering Village Courts to execute the decrees should be considered and that the possibility of appointing special officers for particularly bad districts to reduce the arrears should be examined. Definite proposals have been called for from the Registrar of Co-operative Societies on the above suggestions.

Co-ordination of the activities of the Development Department in each district.

* 161 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state the proposals under the consideration of the Government for co-ordinating the activities of the Development Department in each district ?

A.—The Registrar of Co-operative Societies proposed that quarterly meetings of the district officers referred to in Mr. K. T. Paul's note appended to the report of the Committee on Co-operation might be held, with the Collector of the district as President. The proposals were discussed at the last Collectors' Conference when it was agreed that the best thing would be for the Collectors to arrange for such conferences, whenever necessary.